



IF IT WON'T HELP
W'N THE WAR —
FORGET IT!

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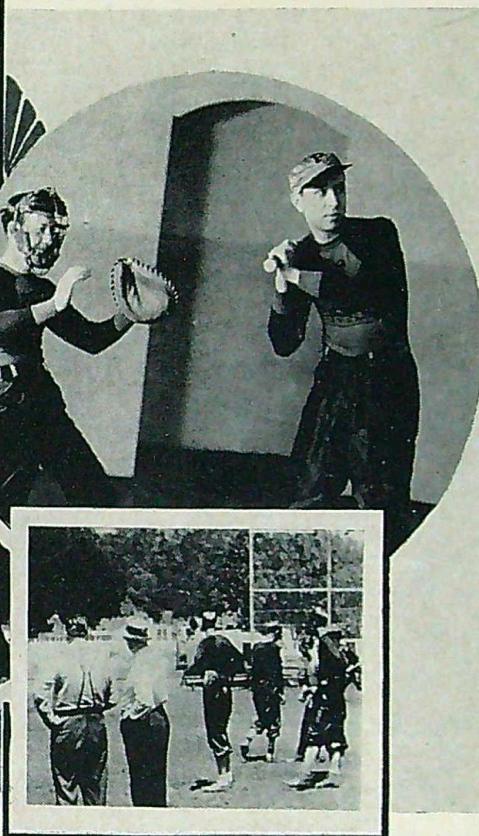
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★ KEEP 'EM ROLLING ON THE HOME FRONT! ★



In the Maintenance Department are to be found a variety of workers not found in any other department of our plant. Supervised by **LEE W. ROBINSON** (Robbie to you) and with the able assistance of his right hand man, **JIM WEEKS**, their crew consists of carpenters, painters, electricians, bricklayers, welders, machinists and other skilled craftsmen.

In addition to their daily routine work they must be ready to meet any emergency that may arise and know how to handle it. Resourcefulness and speed are often called for in dealing with such situations.

The carpenter shop, in charge of **JOE TEMPLETON** is one of the busiest units of this department. The Board Room, supervised by **FRED SPEAR** and his assistant, **ART HARRIS** do fine cabinet work, build display boards, tables, benches and other construction work in which wood is the principal material used. **DAN MELENDEZ** is also an artist when it comes to fine wood-work and is responsible for the beautiful job in the heat-treat lab.

Electrical Foreman **KENNETH OLSON** is in charge of electrical repairs. Machine repairs are under the supervision of **ADAM ROSENBERGER** who is constantly on the alert to see that our machine shop runs at top efficiency. This is an especially valuable service since many machines and parts have become scarce and difficult to secure in the market. **ART CRAFT** is in charge of mechanical repairs and maintenance and all pipe work and plumbing. Painters are under the supervision of **ALBON HICKS**.

Metal work, welding, building construction, heating, light and power are all under Maintenance.

With all this in mind it isn't surprising that unbelievable quantities of material of all kinds pass through the hands of the Maintenance "gang" in the course

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FLASHES . . . FROM THE PAST! . . . REMEMBER 'EM?

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLOMB EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

Saturday, February 26th, at 12:30 p. m., the annual election of the Board of Directors will be held in the Club House.

Every member of the Association should make it his or her business to be there so that a Board will be elected who can and will do a real job.

Do a real job of scouting around for the one from your department who will make the best representative and be prepared to present your nomination.

There are eleven members of the Board of Directors of whom six must be elected to the new Board.

Annual reports will be presented. After the meeting the new Board will organize.

Be sure and be present on Saturday, February 26th, in the Club House.

Coffee and sandwiches will be served after the election.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO M. B. P.

FEBRUARY 4th . . .

We know this greeting comes from the HEART of every PLOMB EMPLOYEE.

By these words "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" we re-affirm to you that throughout the YEAR AHEAD you may DEPEND on each and every member of the PLOMB TEAM to STAY ON THE JOB AND FINISH THE JOB.

V-MAIL STATIONERY

If you wish to get a supply of V-mail Stationery on which to write to friends or relatives in the armed services, you may secure same from Frances Davison in Personnel Office. And incidentally, when did you last write to someone who is fighting for our country? The Mail Room has a complete list of former Plomb Toolers now overseas to which you may refer at any time. Why not today?

News of YOUR Department

- Transfers
- Promotions
- Unusual Doings
- Hobbies



ABOUT

Johnny, Mike, Pete and Mary
Sports - Ideas - Photos

- News of Boys in Service
- Marriages
- Births

of twelve months. Just consider the following items:

DID YOU KNOW that last year they used 576 Brooms that cost \$777.60 . . . 77 Floor Brushes that cost \$385.00 . . . and ten dozen miscellaneous brushes that cost \$58.80? ALL THIS JUST TO KEEP THE PLACE YOU WORK IN CLEAN.

DID YOU KNOW that besides brooms we used 84,200 pounds of sweeping compound that cost \$3,824.00 . . . and in addition to compound we used other special floor cleaners that cost over sixteen hundred dollars? JUST TO KEEP THE PLACE YOU WORK IN CLEAN?

DID YOU KNOW that we used ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND paper towels that cost \$1,245.00?

DID YOU KNOW that over 10,000 pounds of soap was purchased at a cost \$3,430.00? JUST TO HELP YOU KEEP CLEAN?

This is only a small fraction of what is done to help you keep clean, warm, comfortable and happy on the job. Next week we'll give you some even more startling figures. Watch for 'em.

BURRINLY YOURS

HELEN RECKER is to be our regular reporter in the Burring Department, and judging by the way she is starting out, she is going to do a good job of news gathering.

MISSING: It doesn't seem like the same in the Burring Department with NORMA PROPEZ out. The flu bug bit her and she has been off the job for several days. We all hope she'll be back soon.

VIRGINIA ROBB has been transferred to the Burring Department from the Marking Machines. The gang welcomes you, Virginia, and we hope you will like your new job.

A PEACH IS TRANSFERRED: Just as we were getting used to having BONNIE BARR around on the day shift, she was transferred to the Peach Knife dep't.

TOOTHACHE: Our boy "JOE" isn't quite so grouchy since he had his aching baby tooth extracted.

JEPPS: Girls, how would you like to know the name of a certain jeep driver who can make the best of candy? He's the candy kid, and we don't mean maybe.

FORGE SHOP

Pat Ryan, Sup't.

A. VAN KAMPEN says "blessed event" in July or August. Has six children now. WHAT A MAN!

JESS MAXCY has been transferred from Hammer Handles to Drop Hammer Helper.

ANDY TOTH is now back on the job after a long seige of illness. Good luck, Andy.

DICK DANTON of Forge Die Room is on his HONEYMOON.

JOHN SHEPHERD has now returned to the Forge Die Shop after a seige of sickness. Glad to see you back, John.

CARL MALMQUIST has a new Die Maker from Chicago — STANLEY STOLAREK. Welcome to the Plomb team.

TONY ROSENBERGER has just bought a new set of golf sticks. Blooming millionaire.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

Bill Heald

HELEN WILKINSON is missed by her former associates in this department since she climbed the ladder to position as assistant to our Contract Manager H. D. NORTON.

DE ELDA CARROLL is the gal who who assists in greeting the public in our Employment Office and has been with us since Jan. 1st. She is doing a swell job.

PUBLIC RELATIONS is the art of making people like your institution by making them like YOU and ETHEL BURGARD has always been a good public relations representative.

SPEAKING OF GREETING FOLKS, do you know that Plomb Tool Company is very popular with folks looking for congenial employment?

OVER 8000 PEOPLE called at our Employment Office in 1943. In this same period there were over two thousand telephone calls about employment.

BILL HEALD was looking for ideal employees and found 'em. The prospective employees were looking for an ideal spot to light and found that. Together, they constitute an organization second to none on the Pacific Coast.

BERT KESSIK'S slogan for blood donors: "If you can't be a private, be a corpuscle".

THE FINISHING TOUCH

News from the POLISH Dep't.

AL CARHART says: "Life is a grind stone. Whether it grinds a man down or polishes him up depends upon the kind of stuff he's made of".

WELL, DON IS DOING A GOOD JOB at P & C. That's ONE guy that has the stuff that takes a polish. Good luck Don and we hope you will be with us again soon.

GEORGE BURCHILL, the man behind the wind-blown whiskers, visited the plant twice this week. He used to be on our polish line before he left for the South Pacific to do a job for Uncle Sam. Al Carhart had George and his buddy to supper at Al's home and they appreciate his hospitality to the full. A photo of George, whiskers and all, will be forthcoming soon. Good luck and smooth sailing, George.

GRINDING

George Waddleton, Foreman

EDDIE LEWIN after an absence of nearly two years, paid us a visit this week. Looks hale and hearty. Enlisted in the U. S. Navy about October, 1942. Seems to agree with him.

JACK MORGAN, now in the Merchant Marine, paid a visit to his old stamping ground, the Grinding Line, last week.

SKIDDOO . . . who was the Grinder in a recent Ball game who needed a set of skid chains when he reached second base?

GEORGE HOTZFELD'S WIFE was operated on last Saturday. All of us are pulling for her speedy recovery.

FROM THE FIELD

Marwayne Christensen

B. L. CLARK — in charge of our field engineers, is on a trip contracting out men and working with them on man distribution and allocation problems.

JACK BUSTEDO, one of our newest Field Engineers for inter-mountian territory, has left Los Angeles and is making calls on his customers. He takes the place made vacant by DICK LAMB who has been transferred to the South West.

Says ED the chef: TIRED OF MEAT SHORTAGES? Buy a bond and have steak in democracy.

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IN WHICH WE JOIN IN A CHORUS OF VICTORY

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PERSONNEL

WELCOME TO NEW EMPLOYEES . . .



WALTER

SAINT

Personnel

Director

The annual report of our Employment Manager indicates that more than ten thousand people sought employment with Plumb Tool Company last year.

This merely substantiates what we have said again and again: "Plumb is a good place to work".

We are sure that all of you new comers will find it so. Here are the names of the newest contingent of recent arrivals to join the Plumb team:

PROD. COST & CONTROL — Eleanor Thompson, Morris Wickham.

CONTRACT — Harold Stark.

BILLING — Jeanette Keiner.

STOCKROOM — Stina Ivarsson, Ann Hawkins, Myrtle Kramer, Betty Foy, Jean Chamberlain, Ruth Mathans.

ORDER — Mildred Underhill, Emelyn Whitlock.

SALES — Joseph Turner, Clifford Wells.

PERSONNEL — DeElda Carroll.

ANNEALING — Ernest Campos.

MAINTENANCE — Peter Keller.

TOOL & DIE — Francis Brockman.

FORGE — Oliver Terrill.

MACHINE — Willis Huber, Geraldine Sapp, Evangeline Herrera, Ruth Isaacs, Dorothy Johnson, Mildred Sands, Wilma Bates.

NEWS OF PLOMB TOOLERS IN THE SERVICE



Editor, Anvil Chorus,
Plumb Tool Co.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Would you please change my mailing address as I have been transferred from Amarillo, Texas and reassigned to further air crew training. At present my address is:

A/S William A. Ward
A.A.F.C.C.
Squadron 2 - Flight B
S.A.A.B. Santa Ana, Calif.

I have been receiving the Anvil Chorus regularly and I don't want to miss a copy as it makes very good reading. I will be looking for it here. Thanks a million.

Wm. A. Ward.

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c/o Postmaster,
Shreveport, La.
Dear Mr. Walter:

Since I have been transferred from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., thought I had better give you my new address. I would sure miss getting the Anvil Chorus and all the news that I get in the paper.

I hope that Plumb Toolers will come out on top in the Fourth War Loan drive, because only in this way can they help us to win the war. You give us the equipment and we'll do the fighting.

As ever

Corporal G. Marrujo
39568225 - Serv. Co. 291st Inf.
75th Div. A. P. O. 451
c/o Postmaster, Shreveport, La.

ANNA ARTEZ of Production Control has been out three weeks with the flu. We are glad to see her back in the groove and hope she remains on the job the rest of the year.

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CILE FREEMAN has a picture of a native girl in the South Pacific Islands which her husband sent her. For you other girls whose husbands and sweethearts are in New Guinea and other points south, we would suggest you take a gander at the aforesaid picture. You will then be at ease, girls. For this South Sea dame ain't no pin-up beauty.

CHICAGO NEWS

Emily Smetak

Ralph Morser, one of our welders, has been off a couple of days this week nursing a cut he got on his hand while operating a grinder.

We've had a Coca-Cola machine installed in our plant this week which adds much to the delight of our employees, especially on these warm California (June)uary days.

We added one more employee to our Plumb Family this week — Florence Slown — machine shop. We are happy to have you with us.

Here's wishing a Happy Birthday and many Happy Returns of the Day to all the following employees who have their birthdays in February: Frank Ricci, Feb. 7; Lillian Woods, Feb. 8; Dominic Rossi, Feb. 11; Roman Lewandowski, Feb. 20; Dorothy Dineen, Feb. 20; Joseph Rossi, Feb. 21; Frank Hornback, Feb. 22; Philomena Blik, Feb. 26; Ernest Saubert, Feb. 27; Helen Evans, Feb. 29.

HELP FOR YOUR 1944 VICTORY GARDEN

Last season Plumb Tool Company furnished 175 garden books to our employee Victory Gardeners. The same offer is being made this year. If you want one of these very practical garden books leave your name in Ross' office or with the nurse in First Aid, as we want to know just how many to order.

JIM WEEKS: "How come you're late for work this morning?"

Painter: "Well, I looked in the mirror this morning and couldn't see myself — so I thought I had already left for the plant. It wasn't until half an hour later that I discovered the glass had dropped out of the frame".

COFFEE CUP HOLDERS: Silver Kitchen reports that 3 dozen black Plastic Coffee Cup holders have not been returned by coffee drinkers. IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THESE HOLDERS PLEASE RETURN SAME IMMEDIATELY. Let's be appreciative of little conveniences.

TIE THIS ONE: An employee came to Personnel for an Availability Certificate. When told she did not have sufficiently good reasons for her request, she showed us her former availability certificate. It read: "INVALID after 9/23/44." "There" she exclaimed "You HAVE to give me an Availability Certificate. It says I'M an INVALID, doesn't it?"

THE BOYS ON THE BATTLE FRONTS are making your future secure. How about insuring THEIR safe return here?

WEDDINGS

LIEUT. WAYNE ALEXANDER married **LIEUT. ALICE BLOMQUIST** of the United States Army Nurse Corps of Fort Bliss at a military wedding held in the First Presbyterian Church in El Paso, Texas. Rev. Paul Newton Poling officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Lieut. Alice Blomquist was commissioned in the U. S. Army Nurse Corps upon completion of her training at the Swedish Convent Hospital in Chicago. Lieut. Alexander is a graduate of Garfield High School, in Los Angeles, and was commissioned from the Anti-Aircraft Artillery School at Camp Davis, N. C.

Lieut. Alexander is the son of **MRS. TULA ALEXANDER**, Plumb Tool custom inspection department.

STATISTICAL STUFF

Reporter: TRUDY CHERN.

BILL RICE, our statistician, has just completed his second semester of lecturing at U. S. C. He taught two courses in Statistical Quality Control under the War Training program. The series on factory problems included scientific inspection procedures, and the other for office people.

HIS NEXT SEMESTER'S SCHEDULE begins at U. S. C. on February 15th and 16th, Room 300 B, Law Building, on the Campus.

STATISTICAL QUALITY CONTROL in Cost Analysis every Tuesday 7 to 9 p. m., beginning Feb. 15th (Office problems.)

STATISTICAL METHODS in Quality Control, every Wednesday 7 to 10 p. m., beginning Feb. 16th (Factory problems.)

Bill reports that interest in Quality Control is sweeping the country with Southern California in the forefront. Plumb Tool Company, as usual, is leading the way with full fledged Quality Control programs.

DISTRIBUTION SERVICE (and Stockroom)

"FOD" PORTER has been out with the "flu" but is now back again with his hearty laugh.

JUNE "GABBY" YOUNG, that inimitable "pinch hitter" supervised the Stockroom as assistant to "E. J." MINARD during "Fod's" absence.

The epidemic of flu has kept Distribution Service (Office and Stockrooms) about 10% low on active personnel. Good hiring on the part of the Employment Office helped to pull us through November and December with good shipments.

SEEN in front of Polytechnic High School a slogan worth repeating: "Give a pint of blood instead of a bucket of tears".

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BILLIE DALTON and three other girls from Small Drills recently left on a Leave of Absence (L. O. A.) Billie suggested that we change L. O. A. to L. O. A. B. — meaning Four Louses on a Binge.

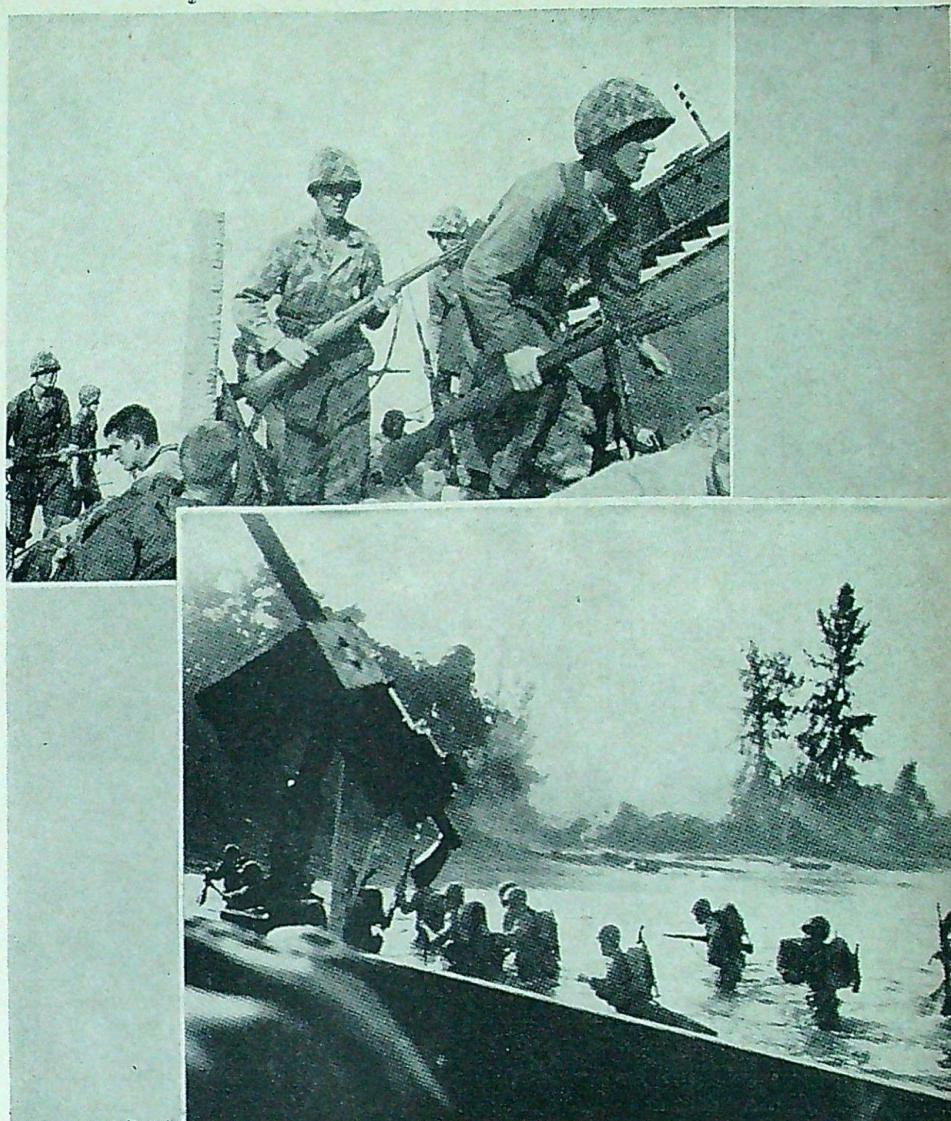
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BOB RINGLE has been going around incognito . . . i. e. looking like a regular working stiff . . . if you know what we mean. The neat pile of clothing and shoes under his desk didn't explain anything. Just made us more curious. Come on, Bob, what's it all about? Or is it a military secret?

STORK NEWS

LINDA GAIL AMOS — born January 31, 1944, weight 7 lbs. 6 ozs.; and mother and daughter are both doing well. Mr. Amos is in charge of our Polish Inspection Belt.

. . . MARINES LAND! . . . AT TARAWA! . . .



MRS. MAUTNER'S COUSIN FIRST TO RAISE FLAG

MICKEY FRANKLIN, cousin of Mrs. Monte Mautner, was one of two marines who raised the American Flag at Tarawa in the South Pacific War area. He is now recuperating from wounds received in that fierce and bloody affair.

How terrific was this fight can be imagined from the detailed description of the method used in establishing a bridgehead as set forth in the following official War Department communiqué and photographs that have just come to hand:

"The Marines who took Tarawa were up against a stiff fight and when they went ashore had to wrest the base from the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting. They went overboard shooting. First comes a rifle battalion, reinforced by machine-guns, mortars, and pack howitzers, with

Engineers, Pioneers and Seabees, making a team that must win or die. They have no other choice.

A naval gunfire liaison officer goes with them, to observe the effect of barrages laid down by ships offshore. Above them fly bombers and fighting planes to lend support.

The shore party dashes forward through intense point blank fire and sets up signal flags, establish communications, and open the attack, while the combat team is landing from assault boats. Sometimes, as at Tarawa, they must leave their boats and wade in, holding their weapons above water. These weapons, 30 calibre rifles, light and heavy Browning machine guns, carbines, automatic rifles and grenades give a hot answer to the enemy's reception committee . . . and it's no tea party.

EXPORT FLASHES

Berardo Perez

JOHNNY KANA of the Plumb Order Department has decided to study Spanish so that **PEREZ** and **JOSEFINA** can't put anything over on him.

Help Win the War
BUY MORE BONDS

ANNIVERSARY PINS

Office - Los Angeles—

JUNE YOUNG 3 years

Factory - Los Angeles—

ANTON W. ROSENBERGER 12 years

THOMAS GODSON 8 years

ANGUS STONER 3 years

Salesman—

WARWICK W. FOSTER 18 years

Chicago Plant—

ERNEST ALFANO 3 years

FELIX CIESLEWICZ 3 years

SHARE YOUR CAR

Every empty seat in your automobile means that one person must further overload public transportation systems — or not get to work. Multiply this by the number of unfilled cars and visualize the great army of war workers like yourself who could be accommodated. Less than maximum use of your automobile is a needless waste of rubber and gasoline. Your car is in your country's service.

The Citizen's Manpower Committee of which MBP is vice-chairman, is making a continuous study of the transportation situation in the Los Angeles area. Housing problems are also being considered by the Committee. YOU can assist by sharing your car, filling all empty seats, and, incidentally, if you have a spare room in your home that is not being used, rent it to another worker in a war plant.

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GASOLINE MISERIES

If you have any gas miseries, ride miseries or general I-want-to-git-to-work — want-to-git-home miseries Major Schmulian will patiently fix them up for you. But . . . don't expect volumes of "C" books and liveried taxi service to your door. There's a war going on.

PLOMB TOOLERS MAKE TOJO CRINGE AND HITLER WEEP

Our spies report that when Tojo, the Yellow Monster, heard how the Plumb Tool Gang was increasing production of the best mechanics' tools and were increasing their Bond purchases and deductions that he had such a big headache it took six dozen aspirin to bring him to. When Hitler heard what we were doing he chewed up his best rug and cried like a cat with its' tail in the wringer.

No foolin', Gang, our Bond campaign is coming along in grand style. Last Friday morning there were one hundred and fifty one who did not have any Bond Deductions but today, Monday, that number has been reduced to just about one hundred. Buy some Bonds, make as large a Payroll Deduction as you can so that one day SOON we can shout with glee as we welcome our boys back home. CRINGE TOJO AND WEEP HITLER, WE'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER.

MEDICAL

Dorothy Van Gundy, R. N.

ADA CHRISTENSEN, our masseuse, returned to work Monday and was very happy to have received several cheery cards from some of the Plumb folks during the few days she was out. Shows that employees really appreciate these relaxing massages she give 'em.

HERMAN TOMBERLIN maintenance department is out recovering from an auto accident.

WILLIAM THORNTON has been ill for two weeks with pneumonia.

JOHN LAUFMAN, forge shop, has been confined to his home due to an auto accident in which his right hand was severely injured.

OLIVER BECKSTROM, heat treat, was at home with an infected throat for a few days. He is now back on the job.

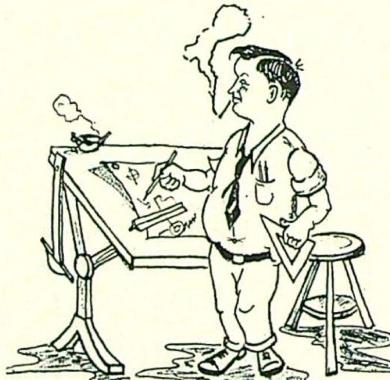
GEORGIA BOSWELL was with us again for a few days. She used to be on the swing shift.

FOUR IN EVERY ONE HUNDRED people in industrial work have some form of Syphilis. Half of them do not know they have the disease.

Hidden causes can be found and cured. At the very least, competent treatment can prevent the disease from causing further damage. Have a blood test once a year. Go to a qualified doctor for treatment. "It is no disgrace to have syphilis, but it IS a disgrace to KEEP it".

This brief article will be followed by two interesting contributions submitted by the Los Angeles Public Health Department.

H. D. Schule of Our Engineering Dept
Goes Poetic



Now! FOR THE LIFE OF A DRAFTSMAN,
HE SITS AT HIS BOARD AND THINKS—
OF GALS AND DATES AND DANCE HALL RATES,
AND "WHO'S GONNA BUY THE DRINKS"
OH, HE HAS SUCH HORRIBLE DREAMS.
HE SITS AND SCANS, UNREADABLE PLANS
THEN EXPLAINS TO THE SHOT WHAT IT MEANS
HE CHATS BY THE HOUR WITH NEIGHBORS,
ARGUES LIKE HELL, TILL TIME FOR THE BELL
THEN CLEARS UP THE MESS FROM HIS LABORS
THE DRAFTSMAN IS A HAPPY JERK,
WHO SHOOTS RUBBER BANDS AND WASHES HIS HANDS
AND DOES ANYTHING BUT WORK.

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GUESTS

MRS. HENRY SLINING who is visiting here with her husband, manager of Plumb's Chicago Plant, had lunch in our Cafeteria Monday. It was certainly nice to see her again if only for a brief visit.

CHARLES FREDRICKS, U. S. N., Ruby Burbank's nephew, was an interested visitor to the plant this week. He survived the recent explosion aboard the U. S. destroyer Turner in New York harbor a few weeks ago.

NELL CARLSON has three sons in active service . . . BILL in the merchant marine, CARROLL with the U. S. Army in Britain, and LOUIS who is a bombardier in the Air Force. Three Aces with a Queen for a mother.

DELLA GRIMM, of the Cafeteria staff, has a boy, CARL, in the Chemical Warfare Division of the U. S. Army Air Corps stationed in England.

SCOTCH VACATION: Guests are invited to look at the scenic paintings in the Cafeteria and let their minds wander. No gas rationing necessary. Incidentally, the lake shown in one of the pictures is where we fish for the trout we serve occasionally.

JERRI CANTRELL, the lovely little blonde who used to set our male guests' hearts to fluttering, was married a few weeks ago to 2nd Lieut. MILTON BINDER of the U. S. Army Air Corps. Jerri had known him for about eight years. We wish them both good luck and happy landings.

RUSSELL ROSS overheard a Plumb Tooler in a swanky eating place uptown remark: "Gosh! The bill is a dollar six-bits apiece. We get a better meal in the Plumb Cafeteria. How do 'Nette and Ed do it"? By the way, do you ever tell them how much you appreciate their efforts to give you good meals?

INSPECTION

Glenn Crist, Chief Inspector

MARY CUBBERLY, one of the ladies in final inspection who has been with Plumb since December 22, 1941, was notified last Saturday morning that her 14-year old son had been hit by an automobile while delivering morning papers.

As he was a Los Angeles Times carrier boy he was taken to Golden State Hospital where he is now out of danger. Here's hoping, Mary, that your boy will soon be out and back on his paper route again.

BETTY JEAN PIGMAN writes: Perhaps some of the Plumb people who met my brother, Jimmy Pigman, when he was here last November will be interested in knowing that he is now in the U. S. Navy and is stationed at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Farragut, Idaho. He states that the weather there is not so severe but that it is nothing like the balmy weather of Southern California.